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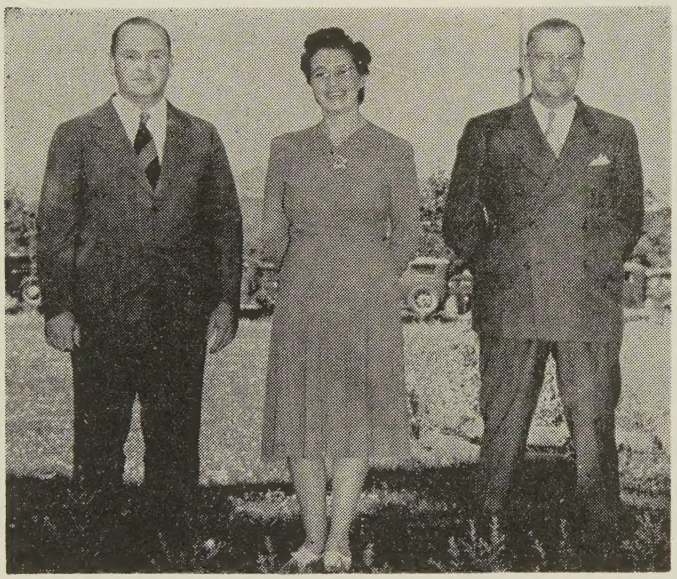

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God's Ministers

by Leland R. Keys

(Sermon preached at the ordination service at the Northern California and Nevada District Council, June, 1942.)

At the very beginning it ought to be stated that no man should think of entering the Christian ministry unless he has the conviction that he is doing exactly what God wants him to do. Like the marriage relation, the man and his ministry should be severed only by the hand of death. This calling of God is not to be so lightly regarded that it can be entered upon and left again upon the spur of the moment; nor should the caprice of time and circumstance prevail to sidetrack God's minister from this high and holy calling of the ministry of the gospel

The church of Jesus Christ, purchased at such infinite cost, calls for the highest type of men for its leadership. A great institution calls for great men. The church of Christ is a great institution. It is ordained of God. It is built by the Holy Ghost. The church, being what it is, must have men who are great in the sense of great spirituality, breadth of vision, men whose hearts have been enlarged by the love of God, men of great sympathies and broad understanding. The "small," the "little," and the "bigoted," are terms which find no place in the vocabulary which is used to describe God's ministers.

Note the name that is given to these God-called men: "ministers of Jesus Christ;" ambassadors of the court of heaven; representatives of the celestial city they are. And "no man taketh this honor unto himself." The call of God to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ takes precedence over every other calling and over every other occupation. In order to meet the emergency of the present conflict we have seen the president of our country call men from their usual callings and place them in places of great responsibility. The good of our country and the necessity for able men in important places takes precedence over every other consideration. There is such a thing as a heavenly priority. When the great Charles G. Finney heard the call of God to the gospel ministry he was a partner in a law firm. In dissolving this partnership and winding up the affairs of his office, he stated that the reason for so doing was that he had received a retainer to plead the cause of Jesus Christ.

All else is secondary. The *call* of God and the *will* of God, which are synonymous, are primary. He who calls also commissions, and His commissions are without repentance. It is not that *we* have chosen the Christian ministry as our field of endeavour, but rather, that *He* has chosen us. If He is *Lord,* and we profess Him to be such, then we are subject to Him and to His will for our lives. "Ours not to reason why, ours but to do and die." The true minister does not question his sovereign's will. He only faithfully carries out his orders.

It has been pointed out that an office, including its rights and privileges as well as its limitations, is often determined by the character of the man or the men who first fill the office. One writer has stated that "the *character* of George Washington determined the powers lodged in the presidency by the makers of the constitution. They interpreted the office in the terms of the man who sat before them." This holds true in regard to the minister of the gospel. If a man is narrow and self-seeking it will often follow that the office of the minister as defined in the constitution and by-laws of the local assembly will be made to *fit the man.* Whereas the minister whose heart is enlarged, whose love is fervent and who is giving his life in faithful self-sacrifiing service will have little difficulty along these lines. Is should be pointed out that many great and good men must, upon entering upon a new field of service, pay the price of the indiscretions of their predecessors. It often takes many months and even years to restore the confidence of the people in the minister if that confidence has been abused and betrayed.

There are three characteristics among others that we expect in a minister of the gospel. In the first place we expect him to be a man who knows the truth. He is a steward of the Word of God. He is a man whose lips speak forth the message that God has poured into his own soul. We expect him to be a man of spiritual understanding; a man who knows the contents of One Book thoroughly, and that Book is the Bible. When the late Wm. A. Sunday's biography was published, the title of the book was,—"Billy Sunday,—the Man with a Message." It is well that it was so, for verily he was such a man. But the question may be asked, is it not true that this should be said of every one of God's ministers? in other words, what right has a man to be in the Christian ministry unless he *does* have a message?

The man who is most likely to faithfully fulfill his calling in the ministry is one who has the conviction that like Isaiah, Amos, Matthew, Peter, John, Paul, and Timothy he has received a heavenly command to preach the word of God. It seems to the writer that it is absolutely essential that there be this sense of divine calling and destiny in the soul; it helps one to weather the storms; it is a boon when one is "down," and it buoys one up when the waves sweep over the soul. To know that God's ministers are *heaven-sent* men gives an assurance that has no substitute. It is commensurate with the sense of the greatness of our calling and the ministry which has been entrusted to us.

There is one qualification that outshines all others in importance. God's preacher *must* be like his Lord. He must be a Christlike man. A man in the ministry without the spirit of Christ is out of place entirely. God's minister must partake of the loving, serving spirit of his Lord if he would lead others to serve Him, follow Him, and be like Him. The "spoiled child" is out of place in this calling. The sulky man who presumes to lead others in the way is a denial and a contradiction of all that a Christian should be, let alone one who assumes the position of leadership to the flock of God. An unchristlike minister neutralizes the power of his mes-

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Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY
BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Armor for Soldiers

After a long and careful study of their own country's military casualties, the surgeons of the Royal Society of Medicine have advised the British army chiefs to seriously consider a return to the old stunt of wearing armor.

The metal protection recommended for today's British Tommies doesn't look much like the "iron" outfits that the knights dressed up in, back in the Middle Ages. But the idea is the same.

The type of armor that modern fighting men may wear consists of plates to cover the chest and abdomen. The whole ensemble, which can be worn under the uniform, weighs only a couple of pounds.

In field tests the modern armor has stopped point-blank revolver fire and has proved its ability to withstand shrapnel and bomb splinters. Other experiments have shown that a suit of armor weighing only 20 pounds can protect the wearer against rifle bullets.

World's Wealthiest

Perhaps some have been thinking of American millionaires as the world's wealthiest, fulfilling James 5:1-7. But we read that the maharajah of Mysore, India, died recently, leaving $400,000,000 for his heirs to quarrel over. He was but 56 years of age. The second-richest man in India, his income was more than $15,000,000 a year. The richest man in India, the Nizam of Hyderabad, is believed by many to be the richest man in the world, his annual income exceeding $30,000,000.

Gospel to China

The trucks that took the hairpin turns of the Burma Road last year bore religious as well as military ammunition. They carried to Chunking 5 tons of thinly printed complete Bibles, Testaments, and portions of Scripture. Mail sent inland from Chinese coastal cities brought 31 more tons of the sacred literature, including a New Testament so tiny it passed as letter postage.

China's record hunger for the Holy Writ was described in the annual report of the American Bible Society, 126 years old May 14. Now almost the only remaining worldwide Bible distributor, the society during 1941 pledged "no Bible black-out" and gave out 8,096,977 volumes of Scripture—a ten-year peak. It either gave them away or sold them for as little as a penny. All this cost the A.B.S. $1,000-877.24., most of it donated by American benefactors.

Seems Like Miracles

In eight years the National Farm Chemurgic Council has seen a lot accomplished by their own members and others. Some sound like miracles. There are auto bodies made of soybeans and straw, building material made of sawdust, felt hats from skim milk, clothes from grass, paper from cornstalks, yeast from wood paste, starch from potatoes, airplane bodies from plywood, varnish from corn, and flavoring matter from wood pulp.

Sugar From Wood

With sugar being rationed, due to the stoppage of imports from the Philippines, and other sources of supply now being blockaded, everybody naturally wishes that we at home could grow sugar on trees.

Making sugar out of trees—or any kind of wood—very likely may be the way America finally decides to solve her wartime sugar shortage.

But the miracle of modern chemistry is ready to step into the picture and help solve the sugar shortage, and turn tall beech, birch, hemlock, and maple trees into crystal-white sugar just as good as any that is now on the dinner table.

Ten thousand acres of standing timber could supply the 1,000,000 tons of sugar that America won't be getting from the Philippines this year.

An acre of trees each year grows enough new wood to produce two tons of sugar. This is about 5 per cent more sugar than can be obtained from an acre of sugar cane or an acre of sugar beets in the same year.

The United States has never made sugar out of wood because it has never had to do so. The commercial process used in Sweden, Switzerland, and Germany is fully known to American chemists.

World's Largest

The "world's largest office building" is the phrase being used to describe the War Department Building under construction in Arlington, Va. When finished, by November, it is hoped the three-story structure will provide more office space than the 102 stories of the Empire State Building. And a record will have been set in the completion of a three-year's project in little more than a year.

The pentagonal building will provide offices for 20,000 to 25,000 workers.

In the basement of the super-structure the cafeteria will seat 5,000 at a time, not including those to be taken care of in three special dining rooms for officers, messengers, and cafeteria employees. Total cost of the project is expected to pass $31,000,000.

Calvin Coolidge's Religion

In an interview, Mr. Coolidge stated that "the church must preach a new birth, a change of heart and a change of living. I feel that too often this is not done."

"I have seen many dying beds, but never have I seen one which seemed to me a proper place to make preparation for eternity."—*Albert Barnes*

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Studies in Revelation

By J. Narver Gortner

(Conclusion of Study XXIII)

5. Mark the insane delusion by which the minds of men will be blinded in these awful days which are ahead. "And they worshipped the dragon," i.e., the devil, "which gave power unto the beast, and they worshipped the beast," who at this time will be indwelt by Satan, "saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" This will be at the middle of the week. The Two Witnesses who will have successfully resisted all efforts to put an end to their testimony up until this time will have been warred against and slain. The beast will have done what no other person had been able to do. This will prompt men to say, "Who is able to make war with him?"

6. Note the summons in verse nine. "If any man have an ear to hear, let him hear." Particular attention ought to be paid to these words. They are intended especially for those of us who are living in these days when the fulfillment of this prophecy is at hand. Strange that so many give such little attention to the book of Revelation. Seven times in chapters two and three do we find the words, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." It is important that each of us have an ear, but many who have ears to hear fail to hear. To hear in the sense in which we are exhorted to hear is to heed. Particular attention, therefore, should be given to this chapter. There is an important message here for us.

7. Verse ten should be interpreted in the light of Jer. 15:2 and 43:11. God had decreed in the days of Jeremiah that some were to die by means of pestilence, some by the sword, some were to perish in the famine, and some were to be carried away into captivity. Zedekiah who was then reigning was to be the last of the kings of the house of David to reign in Jerusalem before the setting up of that kingdom which, in the last days, is to fill the whole earth. (Dan. 2:35, 44.) Ezekiel, acting as the mouthpiece of God and prophesying in Babylon while Jeremiah was prophesying in Jerusalem, said, "I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it," namely, the throne of David then occupied by Zedekiah, "and it shall be no more until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him." (Ezek. 21:27.) The patience of God with His stubborn and rebellious people had become exhausted. The Chaldeans had surrounded Jerusalem, and God through His prophet made known what the divine purpose was. Some had been appointed to die in the pestilence, some by the sword, and some by the famine; and some, God had decreed, should be carried away into captivity. And what God has decreed shall take place, must necessarily take place. This appears to be the meaning here in verse ten. So certain will these judgments at the time of the end be that none of the guilty upon whom they are to fall will be able to escape; and the saints will require much patience; otherwise they too will fail and fall. And by the saints I understand the faith remnant, those that "keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." The church saints will not be on the earth at the time here spoken of; hence the reference *must be* to the Jewish saints, or, possibly, to the tribulation saints concerning whom we read in 6:9, in 7:14, and in 20:4. Some of these will doubtless not yet have perished.

Study XXIV

The Antichrist and the False Prophet, or, the Beast out of the Sea and the Beast out of the Earth. Chapter 13.

Part Two

The two beasts of this chapter, the beast out of the sea and the beast out of the earth, are vitally connected with each other. They no not appear in the vision simultaneously; the beast out of the sea appears first and is followed by the beast out of the earth. But at the time of the end it will appear as the complement of the Antichrist very soon after the Antichrist shall have been manifested in his capacity as "beast."

Political power and ecclesiastical power are to be vested in the civil government at the time of the end, and that government is to be under the control of one man, a dictator. He will doubtless appoint the man who will be the ecclesiastical head of the religious system; and the two will work together in the closest harmony. There is no intimation anywhere that there will be any disagreement between them; on the other hand it appears that they will continue their fellowship of iniquity until the very end. They will be found together when the Lord shall come in glory at the end of the tribulation period, and at the battle of Armageddon they will both be taken and "cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." (19:20)

Having considered the Antichrist, or, the Beast out of the sea let us consider—

II. The False Prophet, or, the Beast out of the Earth.

It seems clear to my mind that Paul, as well as John, had a revelation, not only of Antichrist but also of the False Prophet. Both the Antichrist and the False Prophet appear to be the subject of the II Thess. 2:1-12. Dr. W. E. Bullinger so believes, and he has given us the following outline which sets forth the structure of the passage in such a way as to make it quite evident that he is right:

I. The Exhortation not to believe what the Apostle did not say, and the reason given (1-4). The exhortation is found in the first three verses, ending with the first clause in verse three. The reason for the exhortation follows:

1. The Apostasy. Open. "For that day shall not come except there come a falling away first."

2. The Man of Sin. "And that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."

3. The Character of his acts. "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped: so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."

II. The Exhortation to believe what the Apostle did say, and the reason given (5:12). The exhortation is found in verses five and six. The reason follows:

1. The Mystery. Secret. "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

2. The Lawless One. "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His

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News From Here and There

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :-: 2622 W Street :-: Sacramento, California

BENECIA—Pastor C. E. Wagner has resigned. Brother R. E. Ray, formerly pastor of the St. Helena campground church, is the new pastor.

CAMPBELL—Brother Z. P. Miller has resigned as pastor, and will be leaving in the month of July.

CLOVERDALE—Brother J. W. Fulwiler is leaving the pastorate there.

ELY, NEVADA—On a recent Sunday four souls were saved. Geo. W. Kiser is the pastor. Mildred Howard was the evangelist.

GILROY—Pastor Wm. L. TaVares has been unanimously re-elected. He reports that in the last six months 40 souls have been saved, and about 25 baptized in the Holy Spirit. Special miracles are being wrought in the midst and many sick bodies have been definitely healed. One of the deacons had a dislocated hip of 40 years standing. He was healed and now does manual labor. The church is growing and God is blessing.

ISLETON—A new gospel work was recently dedicated unto the Lord. Brother H. A. Suan, one of our Filipino brethren, is the pastor of this work which is among his people in that section. Ministers of other denominations joined with them in the afternoon service, and Brother John Gouveia was the speaker. In the evening Brother A. A. Lowe, District Presbyter conducted the formal dedication service.

JANESVILLE—Evangelist Floyd Hoole began a revival meeting with Pastor Hubert G. Rannells on June 30.

LINCOLN—Pastor Julia Peterson announces a special meeting with Brothers Dick Fulmer and Joe Krimer of Central Bible Institute, beginning July 5th.

LIVERMORE—The district fellowship meeting was held there on June 1. District Presbyter R. A. Wilson of Alameda was the afternoon speaker. The evening service was also a C. A. Rally. H. S. Lehmann was the speaker. Carl T. Carlin is the pastor.

LIVE OAK—Evangelist Jack Opie held a revival meeting during the month of June for Pastor H. C. Lafferty. There was a special stir among the young people.

LODI—A big North San Joaquin Sectional C. A. Rally was held at the Glad Tidings Temple, Monday, June 8. District C. A. officers, Brothers H. S. Lehmann, O. L. Foth, and E. Wm. Anderson were present. Brother Foth brought the message. Stanley McPherson is the pastor.

LOS BANOS—Herbert W. Brown is the newly elected pastor succeeding Brother Gerald Roberts.

MODESTO—Evangelist Nicholas Pirolo is scheduled to conduct a meeting with Pastor Donald Weston on July 14.

MORGAN HILL—Evangelist Jack Opie began a revival meeting with Pastor Dudley Boyd on July 5th.

NAPA—The election of Sectional C. A. Chairman will take place at the rally on July 27.

OAKLAND—Evangelist Hans Bretschneider of Chicago, Ill., nationally known revivalist and lecturer held an evangelistic and prophetic campaign during June with Pastor Wm. Anderson.

OROVILLE—Pastor J. E. Warren Hull has resigned as pastor and will be leaving on July 15th. It is reported that they have had a 35 per cent increase in their membership.

PLACERVILLE—The Light Bearers Quartette had a good meeting in Placerville. Emil L. Lassegues is the pastor.

QUINCY—Earl Larson, pastor of the Westwood church, held a week's meeting in June with Pastor Melville M. York. The Sunday School record was broken the first Sunday. Later 12 were baptized in water.

RED BLUFF—Evangelist Floyd Hoole conducted a meeting there in June. Everett Morgan is the pastor.

SALIDA—Evangelist Herbert Johnson held a revival meeting in the tabernacle there. Warren V. Pine is the pastor.

SAN BRUNO—Pastor Frank E. Roubal reports that since their last report they have acquired a parsonage in connection with the church, and a baby-grand piano. The Sunday School has reached a high of 81. Several have been added to the church membership, and a number baptized in water.

SALINAS—Improvements are being made on the building. Fred Reichert is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO (Bethel Church)—District Superintendent R. J. Thurmond and Dean T. J. Jones of G. T. B. I. were recent speakers. Chas. G. Weston is the pastor.

SAN RAFAEL—The church was set in order June 10 by District Presbyter M. P. Bohnet, and was affiliated with the General Council. Glen E. Lewis is the pastor.

SAN LEANDRO—Pastor Fred L. Prewitt reports a substantial increase in attendance in the church there. The Lord is blessing their labors.

SANTA CRUZ—District Superintendent R. J. Thurmond was the afternoon speaker at the May fellowship meeting of the Coast Counties section. Pastor Thomas Simms was the C. A. speaker in the evening. Beginning July 5 the Cecil Grice evangelistic party will hold a three week's meeting. Albert Ruedger is the pastor.

SOLEDAD—Pastor Stanley Walsh reports that they had a good meeting with Evangelist Jack Opie.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO—Pastor C. E. Curtright reports that two were saved during a few nights meetings conducted by students from the Glad Tidings Bible Institute.

TUOLUMNE—Pastor Jack White reports that a very good revival meeting was held during a meeting with Evangelist Walter Smith.

UKIAH—New chairs are being installed in the church. Pastor Raymond P. Murray reports the Lord blessing on their work.

VALLEJO—Evangelists Thomas Jackson and Edwin Holmes conducted a profitable revival meeting in June with Pastor Cornwall.

WEITCHPEC—Souls have been saved and the sick have been healed writes Pastor Jas. C. Merwin.

WILLITS—The fellowship meeting held recently was very well attended. Brother and Sister Devin, returned missionaries from the Netherlands East Indies, spoke in the afternoon. Brother S. S. Webster, lately from Greenville, was the evening speaker.

WILLOWS—Pastor Vernon Klemin reports that they had a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School this year. Forty-three were enrolled for the two weeks session.

YUBA CITY—Pastor Robert Carrington of Nevada City was the afternoon speaker, and The Light Bearers Quartette presented music numbers and spoke in the evening service held June 8. C. E. Lebeck is the pastor.

PERSONAL MENTION

BROTHER HARRY RICHARDSON lost his car in a fire recently.

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GEORGE WAGNER is now open for calls, either pastoral or evangelistic. His address is 1800 Laguna St., San Francisco, Calif.

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EVANGELIST WILLIAM D. SWANSON and wife made a hurried trip to the coast, and have now returned to their labors in the East.

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Word has been received of the death of Brother W. A. Gould of Gilroy, after a short illness. Brother Gould and family were the original members and backers of the Gilroy work for many years. The Lord bless and comfort the children is our prayer.

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BROTHER ALBERT OGLE is open for meetings.

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JUNE GARRARD has preached for Bro. Irving Ford in Oakland, Brother Claude Wood in Palo Alto, and Brother Wm. Savidge in Redwood City lately.

Looking Unto Jesus

by Floyd C. Woodworth

(Sermon preached at the St. Helena Camp Meeting.)

In Hebrews 12:2 we read *"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."*

Looking unto Jesus changes you. The Scripture says, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." The exaltation of Jesus Christ is the drawing power. It has changed men through the ages. While Paul was traveling the road to Damascus to cast into prison the saints of the living God, and had letters of authority from the rulers to so do, he was stricken down in the middle of the road. He heard a voice from heaven saying unto him, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

Saul questioned, "Who is it, Lord?" and the answer came, "I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest." Saul caught a vision of the Lord, and he was changed from that day forth. He became the Apostle Paul—the outstanding character of the New Testament. There is something about looking to Jesus that makes you different.

A woman once entered the office of a young man who was quite ungodly. She noticed the obscene pictures hanging upon the wall, and that the tenor of his conversation was extremely worldly. She was so impressed that she wrapped up a copy of that beautiful painting by Hoffman, Christ in the Garden, and sent it to him. When the young man received the package and unwrapped the picture, his first impulse was to throw it away. But he did not. Instead, he hung it over his desk. Daily, as he came into his office he would look at that beautiful scene. One by one the obscene pictures disappeared. Later he, himself, told how that after constantly looking at the picture he one day dropped upon his knees by his desk and accepted Christ as his personal Saviour.

As we look unto Jesus we shall become like Him. It is said, "like begets like." The old controversial subject of which is stronger,—heredity or environment, is ever before us; but I am bound to think environment has the stronger force. A certain judge made the statement not long ago that out of 4,000 young men under twenty-one years of age whom he had sentenced, only three were regular attendants at Sunday School. The Scripture corroborates this statement: "Train up a child in the way he shall go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." If parents and the church would spend more time teaching children the Word of God, there would be less Barkers, Dillingers, and other like criminals in the world today. May we show them Christ by our preaching, our teaching, and our every-day living.

As we look unto Jesus we enter into His sacrifice. It has been said that the difference between an amateur and an artist is sacrifice. One wills while the other only wishes. The church of the living God was started with sacrifice. The early Christians were greatly persecuted. Some were cast into prison, others were killed. Jesus, Himself, made the greatest sacrifice that could be made. He gave all that we might have life eternal. To the extent that we are willing to sacrifice, to that extent we have seen Christ. "If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him."

A GREAT CHANGE

A man in a northern town in England had an infidel friend. The fellow had been a drunkard for some time, and had a drunkard's home. He went to some mission meetings and accepted Christ as his Saviour. His home was soon transformed.

Some time afterward his infidel friend met him and said, "You have become a Christian, I hear." "Yes," he said. "Do you believe in the Bible?" "Of course I do," was the reply. "And you believe that story about changing water into wine?" "Why, of course, I do," was the answer, "There's nothing difficult about that. You come to my home, and I'll show you how Christ can change beer into carpets and chairs and pianos."

What a man is depends largely on what he does when he has nothing to do.

FAITHFUL ALWAYS

Weary? Yes, the path grows rugged,
  But for a moment stop to think
That the Saviour once grew weary,
  Pausing at the well for drink.
As He tarried at the waters,
  Words of Life about Him spread.
And by means of that tired moment,
  A revival wondrous led.

Weariness may hold a blessing
  In its well disguised folds,
That would magnify the Master,
  Bring salvation unto souls.
For we might perform some duty
  Haste would no attention give;
Had not the walking toil grown heavy
  Would Samaria learned to live?

Art in shackles? Cramped and narrow?
  In your scanty world recall,
Though it seemed his work was useless
  And his field of labor small,
Joseph's road was prison-routed
  On his journey to the throne;
Yet the hope of hungry millions,
  As a beacon light he shone.

If by chance you are discouraged
  And results are out of sight,
Know the day the Master needs you,
  He will bring you to the light.
Peg away at what you're doing,
  Into it throw all your heart,
For there'll come a higher standing,
  Unto him who does his part.

—*Ruby O. Curtis.*

UNEXPECTED

An old minister, considered eccentric, and accustomed to impress spiritual lessons in unique and unexpected ways, one day entered the shop of a member of his church without knocking or ringing the bell. He inquired before he had made any salutation, "Did you expect me?" "No," was the astonished reply. "What if I had been death?" he asked, and then stepped out as abruptly as he came, gone before the man could say more. It made a tremendous impression upon him, and brought to his mind with new emphasis, the Saviour's words: "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour that he think not the Son of Man cometh."

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R. J. Thurmond, *Superintendent* P. O. Box

WIRE TO WASHINGTON

Upon a resolution adopted by the District Council, the following telegram was sent to the Chief Executive of our country that we might send greetings and express our position in this crucial hour:

To the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America:

The Northern California and Nevada District of the Assemblies of God, an association of 425 ministers, in session assembled, sends greetings, with asurance of a deep-seated interest in the physical, moral, and spirtual welfare of the men who are in our armed forces on land and sea. We hereby assure our President and his cabinet that we are praying for him and for all who are in authority in these crucial times, that God will give them grace and wisdom, and that the ship of state may be so guided that rocks and shoals shall be avoided and a peaceful harbor safely reached in the shortest possible time. We express our conviction that to this end the sale of intoxicating liquors should be prohibited or curbed in all strategic sections for the duration, and we solicit the support of the President on behalf of such suitable measures. We also request the President to set apart a day of fasting and prayer that God may bring this fratricidal conflict to a speedy termination by granting victory to the United Nations.

R. J. Thurmond,
District Superintendent.

WHAT TO THINK ABOUT

Finally, brethren,
Whatsoever things are true,
Whatsoever things are honest,
Whatsoever things are just,
Whatsoever things are pure,
Whatsoever things are lovely,
Whatsoever things are of a good report;
If there be any virtue,
And if there be any praise,
Think on these things.
—Philippians 4:8

AT THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 24th annual session of the District Council opened in the new Council Building on the campground with District Superintendent R. J. Thurmond presiding. The comforts of the new building were greatly appreciated. It was filled with the ministers and delegates. When the roster was closed on Thursday morning there was registered a voting constituency of 236. This number included 117 ordained ministers, 62 licentiates, 3 exhorters, 2 missionaries, and 52 delegates. The Lord's blessing was on the meetings. Discussions that expressed a difference of opinion were engaged in, of course, but a unity of the spirit sustained throughout.

The proposed amendment which would provide for an Assistant Superintendent did not pass.

The by-laws were amended to read that the District Secretary-Treasurer "shall have two week's vacation with pay each year."

It was voted to restore the salary of the District Secretary to $175.00.

Also passed was a resolution requiring that all applicants for ordination pass a written examination on doctrine, ministerial relationship, Council principles, and other essential subjects. The examination is to be drawn up and conducted by an examining committee of three appointed by the credentials committee. The date and place for the examination, and its subject matter is to be announced on or before the time of the mid-winter convention.

An offering amounting to $186.46 was taken and given to Brother R. E. Ray who labored throughout the year on the construction of the new building, which provides a comfortable place for the District Council meetings and a lovely church for the St. Helena assembly.

New rules to govern the benefits of new members in the Minister's Benevolent fund were adopted. *(See next page).*

A resolution was passed requiring that one of the two references submitted by an applicant for license be from the applicant's own sub-district.

Upon the passing of a resolution that it be done, a message was wired the President of the United States, the contents of which message appears elsewhere in the paper.

A motion was carried that the General Presbyters be elected outside of the

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DISTRICT PRESBYTERS
Left to right: M. P. Bohnet, L. F. Wilson, T. E. Woods, H. D. Byram, J. W. Belcher, S. H. Robertson, C. E. Persing, Wm. Savidge, A. A. Lowe, R. A. Wilson, Paul Radley, K. E. Jillson.

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elena, Calif. R. J. Renfroe, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Beloved Co-workers:

The 24th District Council has come and gone as has the Ninth annual Camp meeting. They were heaven-sent days. Tides of blessing ebbed and flowed in the services, sometimes rising to such heights that it seemed heaven would open and it were possible to look in and see the consummation of our faith—the City of Zion, "a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Hallelujah!

We know not how long the pilgrim journey here below shall be, but the new strength and anointing of the Spirit received at the camp meeting will send everyone on with added victory as we face an uncertain future due to the great world conflict into which our nation has been drawn. The hope of Jesus' coming burns brighter in our hearts as we see things coming upon the world.

Surely the Lord led again in the choice of camp meeting speakers this year. Brother T. J. Jones, Bible teacher, has the anointing that shows no dryness, but blesses and quickens the minds and hearts of the hearers. The camp evangelist, F. C. Woodworth of San Bernardino, spoke under a heavy anointing each night that filled the prayer room where many received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Many nights there were goodly numbers who were filled; and many of our ministering brethren renewed vows and consecrated themselves afresh to the work of the Lord. Great grace was upon us.

We look forward expectantly to next year, if the Lord shall make it possible for us to gather again. Rationing, priorities, etc., may make many changes in the future, but our hope and trust is in the Lord.

I commend you, one and all, to His grace and the leadership of His Spirit; and shall pray the Lord to keep you in the hollow of His hand.

It will be a pleasure to assist you, as I can, and counsel with you as needed throughout the coming year. I shall look forward to precious times of fellowship with you personally and in your services.

I covet your prayers and advice as to a continued growth and forward movement for God in our district, and will welcome suggestions and cooperation.

God bless you all.

R. J. Thurmond,
District Superintendent.

SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

July 27—Napa, Salinas
July 28—Dunsmuir

MINISTERIAL BENEVOLENT FUND

After thirty days the beneficiaries of all *new* members shall receive from the Ministerial Benevolent Fund the following benefit:

If death shall occur during the first year after having become a member, $125.00 shall be paid; if during the second year, $175.00 shall be paid; and if after the second year the full sum of $250.00 shall be paid.

If a membership shall have lapsed more than six months, the lapsed member shall be received again into the benefits upon the basis of a new member. If the fund shall exceed $1,000.00, the beneficiary shall receive out of the fund the stipulated amount, and no assessment shall be made until another claim shall have been paid."

(The 30 days time limit will be up August 1, 1942)

I would encourage every one of our ministerial fellowship to become members of this Benevolent Fund. It has proved a great blessing several times to bereaved ones.

R. J. Thurmond,
District Superintendent.

CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT

Transferred in:

Ordained:

W. F. Hurley from Oklahoma District.

Licensed:

Mrs. Floy F. Baldwin from Oklahoma District.
Mrs. Gertie Massey from West Texas District.
Bert G. Syverson North Central District.
Mrs. B. G. Syverson North Central District.

Transferred out:

Ordained:

Hazel McLeod to Southern California District.
Robert Perryman to Southern California District.
J. I. Rodrigues to Southern California District.
Helen G. Rodrigues to Southern California District.

Licensed:

Helen Fanning to North Dakota District.
George W. Giesey, Jr. to Northwest District.
Dolly Gibson to North Dakota District.
Clyde V. Shields to Southern California District.

NEW CREDENTIALS

Those Ordained:

Doyl Lawson Adams
Manuel L. Camera
Robert Carrington
Treva L. Constant
James Coons
Carl Edmon Curtright
Mrs. Alberta Daniels
Lowell Everett Dowdy
Arnold Bert Gee
George W. Kiser
Myrtle A. Hynning
Fred L. Prewitt
Harold Edgar Rhodes
Heracles A. Suan
Mrs. Flora Marie Tacker
Floyd William Thomas
Silvanus Stanley Webster
Burton Pierce
Emmanuel Calvin Goutier

Those who received license for the first time:

Wilmer Artis
Fred A. Atwell
Noble Lindsay Ballew
Anna M. Black
Gus V. Bogdis
Ella Jeanne Brown
Herman A. Carlson
Hazen Earl Chester
Fong Yee Chow
Russell Burton Clark
Marcus James Claude
Vera Anna Colthar
Maurice Contreras
Elaine Daniels
Irene Alice Dennert
Helen Pitts Dillingham
Ovid Arnold Dillingham
Richard C. Fulmer
Richard B. Havner
Mrs. O. N. Hicks
Thomas J. Hoaglin
Stanley Horton
John J. Jackson
Gladys Kramer
Mary Elenore Larson
Jacob P. Liebig
Viola Wilma Lesher
Glene Lewis
Vivian J. Loane
Tim B. Matias
Earnest Burtin McKinney
Dorothy G. Morgan
Tom B. Myers
Miles Meyer Newman
Clifford C. North
Paul Oloaf Olson
Fred William Pagel
Robert Parkinson
Robert Wilfred Pirtle
Dennis F. Ponce
Joseph Biard Prettyman
Cecil M. Robeck
Johnnie C. Sanute
Protacio P. Sawi
Orville Charles Smith
Leonard Joseph Snider
Charlotte M. Snyder
Everett Lee Stewart
Hurless H. Teeters
Joseph L. Thomas
Mark Homer Thompson
Henrietta Irene Tussy
Florendo M. Visitacion
Lois Deborah Wagner
Stanley Harold Walsh
Merl Mervin Welch
Irene V. Young
Peter Powell Higginbotham

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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officiary of the national executive presbytery and the two executive officers of the District.

A resolution was passed authorizing the District Presbytery to make an allowance to fully cover the expenses of the District Superintendent, and the traveling expenses of the General Presbyters, and also of the Executive Presbyter, to the General Presbyters meetings.

Pastor L. R. Keys, of Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco, and Pastor W. T. Gaston, of Bethel Temple, Sacramento, were elected General Presbyters.

The newly elected District Presbyters are: Shasta, Kenneth Jillson; North Sacramento, Paul Radley; South Sacramento, A. A. Lowe; North San Joaquin, C. E. Persing; South San Joaquin, T. E. Woods; Coast Counties, H. D. Byram; Peninsula, Wm. Savidge; East Bay, R. A. Wilson; North Bay, M. P. Bohnet; Lake and Mendocino, L. F. Wilson; Redwood, J. W. Belchar; Nevada, S. H. Robertson.

A resolution to raise the subscription price of the GLAD TIDINGS to $1.00 per year was adopted.

An offering of $747.00 in cash and pledges was taken to apply on the cost of the new building.

The matter of the purchase of four cottages which are available on leased lots on the campground was left in the hands of the District Presbytery.

On Friday afternoon the District Superintendent conducted a memorial service in memory of those of the fellowship who have gone on to their rewards. They were Pastor R. J. Craig, Evangelist Guy Renfrow, Brother Wm. C. Vaughan, and Mrs. Chas. Dennis. Brother W. T. Gaston brought the message on the thought "To depart is far better."

The Council session ended with an ordination service in the tabernacle Friday afternoon at which time 19 candidates were ordained with the laying on of hands of the District officiary and presbytery. Brother L. R. Keys delivered the ordination sermon, (it appears elsewhere in this paper) and District Superintendent R. J. Thurmond gave the charge to the candidates.

69 persons were newly issued license to preach, 146 had their licenses renewed, 8 were given permit to exhort, and 4 received renewed permit to exhort. In all 217 were issued credentials from the District office.

The session was adjourned at the close of the ordination upon motion by Brother J. Narver Gortner; all unfinished business to be left in the hands of the District Presbytery.

RADIO BROADCAST

KGDM, 1130 Kilo., Stockton, Calif.
Thursday morning at 6:00 o'clock
Sunday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:00
Brother Stanley McPherson's program, assisted by members of Glad Tidings Church, Lodi.

KLS, 1310 Kilo., Oakland, Calif.
The "Rock of Ages" hour is presented every Sunday from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m., by Pastor Oliver L. Foth and the young people of the Tabernacle of God, Oakland.

OUR GOD

God hath done great things past finding out
And wonders without number;
He commands the sun, it riseth not;
And He seals the stars up yonder.

He shaketh the earth from out its place,
The pillars thereof tremble,
He moveth the mountains in His great wrath,
And kingdoms before Him crumble.

He treadeth upon the ocean waves,
And spreadeth out the heavens.
He clothed the pure white lily, too,
And feeds the little ravens.

Who hath begotten the drops of dew,
The hoary frosts of heaven?
Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts,
And understanding given?

Canst thou, O man, bind the Pleiades,
Or the bands of Orion sever?
Canst thou command the ocean wave,
Or stop the flowing river?

When the dust of earth has grown to hardness
And the clods cleave close together,
Canst thou put lightning where it should be,
Or make or change the weather?

Hast thou considered in the hail and snow
The mighty hidden treasures
Reserved unto the time of war?
God's wealth man cannot measure.

Regarding Him, this mighty one,
The God of all creation,
There'll never be one great as He,
The God of our salvation.

—LILLIE BUFFUM.

APPRECIATION

After a hard day's work in serious discussions Theodore Cuyler and Charles H. Spurgeon went out into the country together for a holiday. They roamed the fields in high spirit like boys let loose from school, chatting and laughing and free from care. Dr. Cuyler had just told a story at which Pastor Spurgeon laughed uproariously. Then suddenly he turned to Dr. Cuyler and exclaimed, "Theodore, let's kneel down and thank God for laughter!"

And there, on the green carpet of grass, under the trees, two of the world's greatest men knelt and thanked the Lord for the bright and joyous gift of laughter.

There is no antagonism between prayer and laughter. One is conducive to spiritual health, the other to physical health.—*Selected.*

NEW CREDENTIALS

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Those newly given license to exhort:

Maude Ellen Colter
Beulah Vera Cornwall
Omar McCullough Goin
Goins
Avary Givin
Antone Leal
Rose G. Nelson
Gertrude Riecke
Muriel C. Wallace

HALLELUJAH!

At the conclusion of the camp meeting it was reported that over 40 were saved, and 78 or more had been baptized in the Holy Spirit.

An old sailor once said to a young apprentice aboard a man-of-war, "My lad, there's only two things on a ship: one's duty, the other's mutiny."

It is not different in the Christian life, and the results are frequently more far-reaching.

Pastor Thomas Ming, San Miguel, California, will be happy to hear from anyone who has a soldier boy at Camp Roberts which is situated nearby. If you have a relative or friend, or know of some one, send Brother Ming the name and he will make it a point to contact him with the gospel. He has access to the camp to minister to the boys you write about.

John Wesley wrote in his diary years ago, "I went to church this morning, and I heard a very poor sermon. But I went again. Praise God, if the minister does not know his duty, I know mine!"

Christ's Ambassadors

Oliver L. Foth, *President*, 5209 Congress Ave., Oakland E. Wm. Anderson, *Vice-President*, 726 E. 15th St. Oakland
Robert Carrington, *Secretary-Treasurer*, P. O. Box 207, Nevada City, Calif.

LIVING WHOLE-HEARTEDLY

by H. S. Lehmann

"I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee"—Psa. 138:1.

Breaking again and again into the recounting of God's mercies in leading, delivering, saving, and preserving His people, the Psalmist cries, "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men." As though stunned by man's ingratitude for Divine leading: "Why don't men praise the Lord?" As if astonished at the unaffected way in which men receive deliverance from His hand: "Why won't men praise the Lord?" Utterly dumb-founded by the silence of those who received the healing touch of the God-sent Word when they cried in their trouble: "Why don't men praise the Lord?" Mystified by the matter-of-fact manner with which men receive provision and preservation from the Bountiful Hand which "daily loadeth us with benefits." "Why won't men praise the Lord?" So seized with a passion for God's glory that his heart bid fare to break, the psalmist cried: "Oh that men would praise the Lord!"

Whole-heartedness, such as this evidences, is God's message for a people living in a Laodician age. Service rendered out of a sense of duty, nauseates the Blessed Son, who not only freely gave His own self but fully gave as well. Half-hearted testimonies; "professional" performances given to impress people; affected, unfelt words, generally termed prayer; insincere handshakes and forced smiles; feigned joy, feigned faith, feigned love, mock enthusiasm, crocodile tears, simulated blessing, fraudulent claims, make-believe anointings, pretense, and sham are all just so much spew in the Lord's mouth. Oh that men would flee lukewarmness and serve the Lord with a burning heart.

Nothing is so certain of failure as half-hearted religion. It may be partially true that men love to be fooled, but in the field of religious expression, reality portrayed with earnestness is the supreme virtue. As Christian people we must learn that aside from the awful, eternal consequence of feigning faith or half-heartedly serving the Lord, we are not really making an impression on the world either. To ponder "His goodness and wonderful works to the children of men" should fire our hearts that words would tumble all over themselves in the joyous, anxious effort to get out and praise Him. Our songs should burst from hearts as if they had been sealed under pressure. After having lifted *His* countenance upon us, *ours* should shine and fairly beam as we lift our hearts in worship. The genuineness of testimony, song, and praise offered in this way needs no herald—it confirms itself in the hearts of the hearers, and only such genuineness will ever favorably impress.

Formal, ritualistic services may create an atmosphere that is impressive for the moment but spiritual life cannot be sustained by atmosphere. The spiritual man must feed upon spiritual food. The Lord's indictment against Ephraim was that they failed God and all Israel in the time of great need. Whole-hearted sincerity in worship has always been and always will be the appeal of both God and man. Jesus followed the Lord's cry against those who draw near with their lips while the heart is far away, with the statement that, "it is time to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth," or, as one translator gives it, "in spirit and in reality." The writer's cry is that we be earnest, zealous, REAL. Our text says, "I will praise thee with my whole heart."

An experience as real and vital as the Christian experience needs no apology—it needs expression. I will not only praise thee with my whole heart, I will sing praise unto thee before the gods. (With the heart man believeth unto righteousness—with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.) Casting unwarranted carefulness and misguided judgment to the wind, I will declare Thy praise among the heathen. With only Holy Ghost reserve I will go everywhere proclaiming thy truth. So moved by my love for thee, I will invade the courts of the gods with thy testimony. Dagon shall break his hands and his head upon the threshold at thy coming down to inhabit my praises. The great goddess, Diana, shall be despised and her magnificence shall be destroyed by the witness of my testimony. My heart shall praise, my lips shall sing of Him who "spoiled principalities and powers and made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in His cross."

Do you know, there is a great need for this open proclamation of His Lordship? The elements that cause thousands of our youth to accept the challenge of the nation in this time of crisis will cause numbers to accept the challenge of Christ, too, if we, His ambassadors, present the challenge properly. Christ and His cause is never going to fail. The gates of hell cannot prevail against Him and His church. No power can snatch the victory from Him. Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. This is the Christian's assurance.

Perhaps it was this firm conviction that comforted and strengthened Paul. Writing from the confines of a Roman prison,

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C. A. COUNSELLORS

L. R. Keys
H. S. Lehmann
S. H. Robertson

Sunday School News

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative
Morgan Hill, California

DEAR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND WORKERS

"The church is under marching orders and should have no mind of its own except as its mind is really the mind of Christ.

"The Church is out for business, or it has no business to be out.

Christ said, "Go . . . teach!" Go everywhere, teaching everybody. He said it to the church, to the whole church, to the church then and to the church now, to you and to me. We must do it or be disobedient to our Lord."

—*Marion Lawrance.*

And I might add, the Sunday School being the Church at Bible Study and learning, makes our opportunity for the teaching ministry a real responsibility.

Notice too, in Christ's command to go teach, how He also makes a definite connection between it and evangelism. I believe every successful S. S. Teacher must also be a soul winner.

Ex.-Lieut. Gov. James E. Howard, of Connecticut, a master Sunday School teacher, on one occasion was asked the secret of his success. He simply said, "I have no secret, I just keep shelling my pod of P's." His explanation of his pod of P's was as follows: "There are five P's in my pod and I keep shelling them out in this order: Plan, Prepare, Pray, Pour out, Pull in."

Don't forget to shell out the fifth "P," however don't expect the fifth without the other four.

God Bless you.

NOT NECESSARY TO BE A PREACHER TO WIN SOULS

A shoe salesman won Moody.

A blacksmith led Spurgeon to Christ.

Finney was prayed through by a group of young people.

Talmadge was converted by an obscure circuit rider.

Peter Bohler led Wesley into the light.

—*Pentecostal Gleaner.*

A BIBLE TRIP

We are going to take an imaginary journey, Boys and Girls, so get your "Road Maps" (Bibles) and a pencil and paper for notes on your trip and what do you say we time ourselves to see how long it takes us? There is no speed limit you know.

Ready? (Fill in the spaces with the correct word as you find them in the Scripture references.)

Our starting place is _____ (Matt. 23:37) This is a beautiful city, but it surely has its bad points. There is a spot just outside the city wall I will never forget; its name is _____ (Luke 23:33) where they _____ (Acts 2:23) my best Friend.

Oh yes, back to our journey. How are we going? I suggest a _____ ride (Matt. 19:24) this time. I think that it would be lots of fun.

All set? Here we go! This is great, isn't it? What is this we are crossing now? It is like a great sea of _____ (Heb. 11:12.) I know, this is the _____ (Matt. 24:26). Our _____ (Matt. 23:24) train is good for this kind of travel. The _____ (Eph. 4:26) is high now and it is quite warm . . . don't worry though for I see _____ (Rev. 22:17) ahead. Twelve _____, yes, and _____ (Ex. 15: 27) This must be _____. It reminds me of what _____ (Matt. 19:1) said, "Come ye apart and _____ (Mark 6:31) awhile.

We have been here long enough so . . . "back to our ships of the desert" which really are _____ (Gen. 24:46) and we are on our way again. I will meet you at our next stop. I think it will be _____ (Josh. 2:1) I would like to have a little talk with _____ (Josh. 6:17) and see how it seemed when the _____ (Heb. 11:-30) fell.

Until then . . . (to be continued).

SISTER MAST.

OUR CORNER

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS . . .

Greetings in the Name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As I am writing this I must confess I am rather excited and busy getting ready for camp meeting. . . . of course when you receive it, camp meeting will be all over with, but anyway I was wondering what might interest you this month, when into the house came my nephew, Johnny, who graduated from grammar school just last Friday. He has some interesting plants and things in his room at home; so I asked him if he would like to write for our page this time and tell us about some of them. Some of these plants make pretty good little preachers evidently, for this is what he wrote:

"I would like to tell you of three of the plants in my room: the Jungle Plant, the African Ornamental Plant, and the Cactus.

"First I will tell you a little about the Jungle Plant. It comes from South America. It has dents or slits in the leaves so that the wind can pass through them easily. It has quite big roots that fasten themselves into the ground, but it also has to have other supports beside itself; this it gets from the large trees that grow in the jungle. That is like Christians should be. We should have roots for ourselves, but most of all we need to have Jesus to hold us up.

"Now the African Ornamental Plant is next. It has heart-shaped leaves. The leaves turn yellow, then back to more of a light green. I have a harder time to make this plant grow. It reminds me of some Christians that backslide, then go to the altar and pray and repent; then sin, and then repent and do it all over again. They always have to be coaxed along. We should be strong in the Lord!

"Last, let me tell you a little about the Cactus. It is very "stickery;" it has many thorns. It comes from the desert. It has very pretty flowers, some of which are the most beautiful in the world. But the cactus to me is like sin, and its beautiful flowers are like the pleasures of the world. They are made so beautiful that they are tempting sometimes. But when Christians take in worldly pleasures there are always

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Abraham Meets Melchizedec

by T. J. Jones, *Dean of Glad Tidings Bible Institute*

(Bible Study given at the St. Helena camp meeting, June, 1942.)

Abraham's history is written for our learning; a dozen chapters of Genesis are taken up with this patriarch. He is the father of the believing in all ages; and he represents the household of faith, and illustrates God's dealings with the people of God today.

Abraham Met by Two Kings

By a daring act of faith and bravery Abraham, with 318 servants, attacked the powerful kings who had completely overwhelmed the cities of the plain, and delivered the captive Lot from their hands. Now he is returning victoriously, but dangers abound and God graciously prepares his trusting servant.

The Sudden Appearance of Melchizedec

I believe Melchizedec came first in point of time, to Abram, and thus prepared Abram to refuse the blandishments of Sodom's king.

Melchizedec is the first personal type of Christ in the Bible. All is full of typical teaching. His name "Melchizedec" is King of Righteousness. His city, Salem, is "peace." Righteousness and peace are to figure prominently in the coming reign of Christ.

He is king and priest, a combination unknown in Israel. Here is one made like unto the Son of God. His genealogy was purposely omitted by the Spirit of God to set forth the eternal character of this priest. Shrouded in eternity, His goings forth are of old. Melchizedec types Jesus our blessed Priest.

The Purpose of Melchizedec's Appearing To Abraham

To succor tempted Abraham who might be in danger of being drawn from the pilgrim path, to settle in Sodom, and forget the eternal city which hath foundations.

Melchizedec gave bread and wine to the pilgrim. This sets forth the "tasting of the good Word of God, and the powers of the age to come." We need to drink of the Spirit. It is this that will fortify our hearts, strengthen us, and keep us true.

He also blessed Abraham. This showed him to be superior in dignity to Abraham, great though the patriarch was himself.

He Revealed a New Name of God.

Much is hidden in the names of God in Scripture. For the first time this name occurs, the Most High God, EL ELYON. It means God is the highest of all, possessor of heaven and earth. Look how it is used in Dan. 4:31-35. The first king of "the Times of the Gentiles" must lose his reason till he learned that the Most High ruled in the kingdoms of men. In every passage where this name of God occurs it shows that God will carry out His purpose even through men that are strangers to Him and His ways. Let us bow to His authority and lordship. He possesses heaven and earth, and that despite what present-day rulers think or say. The Lord bring us into the secret of the Most High! (Psa. 91:1). What a name to reveal to a poor pilgrim. The Most High is possessor of heaven and earth.

Notice the Twofold Effect That the Meeting Of Melchizedec Had Upon Abraham

First, Abraham paid tithes to him. Why should it be thought legal for believers to pay tithes now? This was centuries before the law; and if Jesus is our Melchizedec, and we believers are on our way to the Eternal City, the least we can do is to acknowledge our indebtedness to Him by giving Him a tithe of our substance.

Secondly, the meeting with Melchizedec caused Abraham to refuse Sodom's wealth. The king of Sodom types the rulers of this age, defiled, wicked, and wily. He came to entice Abraham, the Hebrew, as he had done Lot. He wanted to enrich Abraham with goods that were soon to perish in the flames. But, blessed be God, Abraham is strengthened in his character as a real Hebrew, refreshed by Melchizedec to refuse Sodom's polluted things.

Abraham is designated "the Hebrew" in Gen. 14:13. The word "Hebrew" means "the crosser," the man from the other side, who had crossed the Euphrates at God's call. He had "come out" of the old things, and was a real pilgrim.

Abraham refused all. "I lift up my hands to El Elyon that I will not take even a shoestring." May God keep us on the pilgrim pathway today. May our hands be lifted up in consecration to refuse things that would cause us to forget our calling. Melchizedic still moves about to succour His tempted people today.

Lot went back to Sodom and its doom. Abraham went on with God to reach Mt. Moriah.

IN THE DAYS OF THEIR YOUTH

I took a piece of plastic clay
And greatly fashioned it one day;
And as my fingers pressed it still,
It moved and yielded to my will.

I came again when days were passed,
The bit of clay was hard at last;
The form I gave it, still it bore,
But I could change that form no more.

I took a piece of living clay
And gently formed it day by day;
And moulded with my power and art
A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when days were gone,
It was a man I looked upon;
He still that early impress bore,
And I could change it never more.

—Author Unknown.

BOYS AND GIRLS

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the thorns of sin to leave a sting and a scar. Sin always brings pain, and leaves its mark.

"May God keep us in the time of temptation, no matter how beautiful sin's flowers may be." Johnny Atkins.

GOOD?

After a severe wind storm and heavy rain a farmer in the Middle West remarked: "The storm really was good for the corn, for after it was blown over it had to raise itself and that has made it strong and vigorous."

STUDIES IN REVELATION

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mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming."

3. The Character of his acts. "Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

It seems quite evident, as Dr. Bullinger believes, that "the man of sin, the son of perdition," and the lawless one, or "that wicked," are not the same person. The first is the Antichrist, the second, the false Prophet. So some of us are going to have to revise some of the statements we have been making. The Antichrist will not perform miracles. The miracles will be performed by the False Prophet. The Antichrist will be indwelt by Satan, the False Prophet will be authorized and energized by him. Paul, we see, had a revelation of the two beasts John later saw in his vision. The passage considered above should be studied carefully in connection with Revelation 13.

I call attention to seven facts that are here set forth concerning the False Prophet:

1. He had two horns like a lamb. The numeral two speaks of testimony. The False Prophet will testify, but his testimony will be false testimony. He will appear lamblike, or harmless. A lamb is meek. The False Prophet will assume a pious role; he will doubtless give utterance to numerous platitudes that will appear to harmonize perfectly with the Scriptures of truth. This has ever been the manner of men who have been emissaries of the enemy, and in order to deceive men have appeared as angels of light. Jesus said, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." (Matt. 7:15). Lambs do not have horns, but the False Prophet is here represented as having "two horns like a lamb." John saw him in the vision in the form of a lamb, but he had two horns. Horns in Scripture symbolism represent power. The False Prophet will have power.

2. He spake as a dragon. The devil is represented as the dragon, and the meaning here is that, while the False Prophet will assume a lamblike role, he will in reality be as the devil in disguise; he will speak as a dragon.

3. He exercised all the power of the first beast before him, or the Antichrist. He will be so completely energized by Satan who will work in such perfect harmony with the beast with whom he will be closely associated, that he will be entrusted with the full power of the "man of sin."

4. He will cause the earth-dwellers to worship the Antichrist. We read here that he "causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed." Emperors were deified, actually worshiped by the people, in the days of ancient Rome, and so great will be the popularity of the Antichrist at the time of the end that there will be little difficulty in persuading the people to render unto him divine homage. The False Prophet will not only give the command that the Antichrist be worshiped: he will have the power to enforce his orders, and the penalty of refusing to obey will be death.

5. He will perform miracles by means of which he will deceive the earth-dwellers. Mark the thirteenth and fourteenth verses " And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles that he had the power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live." Here is information as to the manner in which Antichrist will be assassinated. Here we are told by what means the people will be deceived. People have ever been astonished by "signs and wonders." We can see that miracles in themselves are no evidence of piety, and apart from righteousness, are no evidence of God. Most marvelous miracles will be performed by the False Prophet at the time of the end; and since it has been foretold that he will perform these miracles, the miracles, when performed, will be evidence to those who know the Word of God that he who performs them is the False Prophet and that his superior whom he will be requiring the people to worship is the Antichrist.

6. He will give life to the image of the beast and will cause the image to speak and give orders that all who refuse to worship it shall be put to death. "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." He will get his power to give life unto the image from "the dragon" who will receive the power to impart it from God. The only power Satan has is the power God gives him; the only power he can exercise is the power God permits him to exercise. This is forcibly illustrated in the case of Job. (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7)

7. He will require that all receive a mark in their right hands or in their foreheads, and none will be permitted to buy or sell except those who are thus marked. "He causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads; and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." There has been much speculation as to what the mark will be. It is impossible for us to know, but that the earth-dwellers will be required to be thus marked in order that they may sell their produce, or purchase their supplies in the open market, we are here assured; and to receive the mark will subject the one who receives it to the terrible plagues of the great tribulation, and finally to eternal damnation. "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. (14:9-11)

The theme of the next study in this series will be "The Number of the Beast." Verse 18 of this chapter is so important that it seems fitting that a whole study be devoted to it.

MINISTER

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sage. He nullifies the influence which he might otherwise have over the lives of those to whom he ministers.

The work of the minister is the greatest work in the world. It is the highest calling possible among mankind. It is the minister's task to bring together the sinner and the Saviour. It is a lifelong calling to edify that body, the church, which Paul describes as the very temple of God, "an habitation of God through the Spirit." The man who is spiritually feeble will beget feeble children. The worldly preacher will have a worldly church. It is a truism that, generally speaking, the church is largely a reflection of its ministry. The need of the church today is God-filled men empowered by the Holy Spirit, "sun-crowned men who live above the fog," who will not stoop to that which is small or unworthy of the name which they bear as ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

God grant that these who are about to be ordained, and these licentiates and exhorters may be preachers of righteousness, and men after God's own heart in private life and in public service.

"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." (2 Tim. 2:1-4.)

NEW ARRIVALS

Little Frances Daisy arrived to enlarge the missionary personnel in Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa. She is making her home with her parents, Brother and Sister John Kennedy. She was born May 8.

On June 23, Donald Lee Hull arrived in Oroville to take up residence with the pastor's family, the J. E. Warren Hulls. He weighed over ten pounds.

If you have a giraffe in the pulpit the lambs will starve to death.

A PENALTY

On his return from college a young man was asked to teach a Sunday School class, but he flatly refused.

A few days later he met the minister, who spoke to him about the matter. "I'm sorry," he said, "that you are not willing to take that class. The Sunday School needs you."

"There's no penalty for refusing is there?" the young man flippantly replied.

"Yes," said the minister, "there is, the penalty of never knowing the good you have failed to do."

"If I never know it," he retorted, "I guess I won't miss it."

"Do you remember," the minister said, "this incident in the life of Jesus? Once on his way to Jerusalem, he sent two disciples to ask shelter at a Samaritan village; but as his face was set toward Jerusalem, they would not receive him. Certain of the disciples wanted to call down fire and brimstone on the village, but Jesus, reproving them, patiently resumed his journey."

"I remember," said the young man. "We read it in Sunday School."

"What was the penalty?"

"I don't think there was any. So far as I can remember, nothing happened to the village."

"No," the minister agreed, "nothing happened. People put out their lights, and went to bed as usual; the next morning they arose just as they always did. Nothing happened. No sick were healed, no new parable was spoken, no new disciple was made. Had any one of these things happened, the village would have had a place in history to the end of time; as things are, even its name is unknown."

For a moment the young man was silent, then said, "Thank you for the reminder. I will take that class." —*Selected.*

A regiment of soldiers was drawn up in the barracks square for church parade, but the church was being repaired and could only hold half of them.

"Sergeant-major," ordered the colonel, "tell all the men who do not want to go to church to fall out on the reverse flank."

A large number quickly and gladly availed themselves of the opportunity.

"Now, sergeant-major," said the colonel, "dismiss all the men who did not fall out, and march the others to church—they need it most."

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he tells his friends how his bonds had "fallen out unto the furtherance of the gospel so that his bonds for Christ (his testimony) were manifest in all the palace and in all other places." The prisoner of the Lord became Christ's ambassador in Caesar's court. Such was the result of the consistent outflow of normal Christian living.

Ah, perhaps that is the greatest secret of successful Christian living—being so possessed of God and so responsive that the life, as an obstructed flow, gives ceaseless testimony of a living source. How wonderful to live so that the influence of our lives, like Peter's shadow, unconsciously falls with healing touch on those nearby. Moffatt's translation has Paul writing to the Corinthians, "Wherever I go, thank God, He makes my life a constant pageant of triumph in Christ diffusing the perfume of His knowledge everywhere by me. I live for God as the fragrance of Christ breathed alike on those who are being saved and on those who are perishing. To one, a deadly fragrance that makes for death; to the other, a vital fragrance that makes for life."

Sensing the reality of this life in Christ, let us not confine our praises to the house of the Lord. Like Paul and David, let us praise Him before the gods of this old world. Let us keep filled with the Holy Spirit so that every circumstance will be an occasion to bless God from a full heart.

THE TROUBLE

It is very disconcerting to many of the Lord's people to observe that the Church of Jesus Christ is not reaching the man in the street as it should be doing. In days like these people are not concerned about forms and ceremonies but with practical Christianity. The ministers are not all to blame for the failure. It also lies in the fact that many Christians instead of actively witnessing and speaking about the things of God have adopted a dumb attitude and are as "like many of the rivers of the Antarctic, frozen at the mouth." —*Elim Evangel*

There may be hypocrites in the Church, but no man ever escaped from hypocrites by staying on the outside of the Church.—*Christian Advocate.*

Flee Youthful Lusts

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"Flee youthful lusts." (II. Tim. 2:22). The Apostle Paul in writing to his "son in the faith" intimated that many temptations would beset his path as a young minister of the Gospel, and in order that he might be a complete overcomer and a successful, honourable vessel of the Lord, "meet for the Master's use," he must "flee" these temptations, and rather "follow righteousness, faith, charity and peace."

There are many temptations which present themselves to youth which if yielded to will bring about certain backsliding. Run away from them as you would flee a poisonous serpent coiled to strike. Refuse to let your mind dwell upon subversive thoughts, drive them from you. Remember, "lust when it is conceived bringeth forth sin; sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

Vacillating, ever-changing youth is often filled with pent-up emotions with which he cannot cope. "What," says he, "Can I do when these feelings overtake me—when the desire to satisfy the craving for adventure, a thrill, anything, overcomes me?" Ah, dear friend, this is the time to get *alone* with God. Perhaps sometimes a chat with one who is more established in the things of the Lord than yourself will help, but often times companionship with others will only frustrate the emotions within. A walk in the open air, close to the God of Nature, communion with Him near a babbling brook, or even on a crowded city street (a part of the seething stream of humanity, but definitely not of it), will often quell the storm within, and bring blessed peace of mind and soul.

Young people daily contact the adversaries of God and the Bible. Unbelief stalks in their pathway—doubt of the very existence of God, doubt of the reality of religion, and doubt of the supernatural manifestations of the power of God in their own lives. When these doubts assail you, flee to the blessed Word of God. Believe it as you read it. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Many young people testify to having been delivered from the world, and the things of the world, which indeed they have been, but how often they will toy with temptation. They do not attend the movies, but they will read the billboards, they will literally devour movie magazines, and read movie advertisements in the newspapers. They have been saved from the dance floor, but they will frequent dance halls, and watch others as they dance. They will listen for hours to "swing music" over the radio. How can this but help engender the desires and lusts for the old pleasures? The Apostle says, "Flee these youthful lusts"—banish them from your mind—spend your energy in the service of the Lord, and make a musical instrument or good, character-building books your companions.

Joseph was indeed the perfect type of Christ. He was a young man with virility, personality, and charm—a man "well-favoured"—but he fled from temptation. He was subjected to the severest temptations and tests, but he stood true to God and himself, and became one of the world's greatest deliverers. David, although he was a man "after God's own heart," succumbed to temptation and paid dearly for his sin. He sought God in repentance, but the scars remained. The succeeding years of his reign were filled with wars and distress, and he was not permitted to see the fruition of his dream—the building of the Temple of God. Remember, God forgives and restores, but the world never forgets the digression from the path of Righteousness of one of the servants of the Lord, be that misstep ever so slight.

Each of us has a "besetting sin." How we need to fortify that weak point in our lives, and never let the enemy penetrate our walls of defense. I am reminded of an incident in the life of Madame Guyon. She was an exceedingly beautiful and intelligent young woman. Kings, statesmen, and poets sought her out and "worshipped" at her shrine. In her heart was an overwhelming passion to serve the Lord and be a blessing to thousands of needy souls about her. But she was remorsefully aware that her beauty, her personality and attractiveness were a hindrance to her service to the God she loved. While in her twenties she was stricken with a virile case of smallpox. When she began to recover she called for a mirror, but the nurse, beholding the marks and scars that were permanently left as a result of the horrible disease, refused to grant her request. However, Madame Guyon was insistent, and when she finally gazed upon her once beautiful face—now marred and pitiably scarred, she lifted her hand to Heaven and said, "I thank thee, Lord, that the last hindrance to a life of consecration and unstinted service to Thee and humanity is gone. Let the remainder of my life be one of complete and unconditional sacrifice to Thee, and Thee alone. Amen." Thus it was that Madame Guyon became truly a saint of saints.

Would you do service for Jesus, your King? Would you be a vessel unto honour, revealing unto a dying, sinful world, the Christ in His beauty, compassion and love? "Flee youthful lusts, and follow righteousness and peace."

DON'T COMPLAIN

Don't complain
About the weather;
For easier 'tis, you'll find,
To make your mind to fit the weather
Than the weather to your mind.

Don't complain
About the sermon,
And show your lack of wit,
For, like a boot, a sermon hurts
The closer it doth fit.

Don't complain
About your neighbor;
For in your neighbor's view
His neighbor is not faultless—
That neighbor being you.

—*Selected.*

If the Lord has a gigantic task to be performed, faith gets the contract.